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Office Action Summary

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Kenneth Tang

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 July 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-18 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. **Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Klein (US 5,835,763).**

3. As to claim 1, Klein teaches a process for processing a batch job, comprising: wrapping the batch job to create an application programming interface for communication with a batch framework, the batch framework comprising a method to execute the batch job; and invoking the batch framework according to a predetermined schedule (*col. 3, lines 31-54*).

4. Klein fails to explicitly disclose using classes to dispatch the batch jobs, even though Klein does teach a method to execute the batch job (*col. 11, lines 7-11 and col. 5, lines 49-54*) and also teaches using objects in object-oriented programming (*col. 10, lines 10-11*). It is well known in the art and obvious that classes can be used in batch processing systems because it is a standard in object oriented programming.

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5. As to claim 2, Klein teaches the process of claim 1 wherein the batch job resides locally with the batch framework (*col. 5, line 4*).

6. As to claim 3, Klein teaches the process of claim 1 wherein the batch job resides remotely from the batch framework (*col. 5, lines 12-13*).

7. As to claims 4-6, Klein teaches the process of claim 1 wherein the batch framework is invoked by a scheduling service (*col. 3, lines 39-40*).

8. **Claims 7-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Klein (US 5,835,763) in view of Swartz et al. (hereinafter Swartz) (US 6,625,651 B1).**

9. As to claims 7-8, Klein fails to explicitly teach the process wherein the scheduling service is AutoSys. However, Swartz discloses processing a batch job using Autosys (*col. 20, lines 56-62*). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the use of Autosys to the invention of Klein because Autosys is a job management system.

10. As to claim 9, Swartz teaches the process of claim 8 wherein the command line parameter is a Unix shell script (*col. 4, line 52*).

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11. As to claim 10, Swartz teaches the process of claim 8 wherein the command line parameter is a Windows NT batch file (*col. 4, line 50*).

12. As to claims 11-12, it is rejected for the same reasons as stated in the rejections of claims 7-8.

13. As to claim 13, it is rejected for the same reasons as stated in the rejections of claim 9.

14. As to claim 14, it is rejected for the same reasons as stated in the rejections of claim 10.

15. As to claims 15-16, it is rejected for the same reasons as stated in the rejections of claims 7-8.

16. As to claim 17, it is rejected for the same reasons as stated in the rejections of claim 9.

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18. As to claim 18, it is rejected for the same reasons as stated in the rejections of claim 10.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth Tang whose telephone number is (703) 305-5334. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM - 7:00PM, Monday through Thursday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (703) 305-9678. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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